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SBC nominees include Mississippians

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP and local reports) — Nominees to serve on the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Executive Committee, the four denominational boards — International Mission Board, North American Mission Board, LifeWay Christian Resources and GuideStone Financial Resources — the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission and the six seminaries have been selected by the 2005 SBC Committee on Nominations.

Nominees will serve if elected by the messengers to the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 21-22 in Nashville. Mississippi Baptists included on the slate of nominees are:

SBC Executive Committee

Ida South, member of First Church, Mathiston. Nominated for second term to end in 2009. Other Mississippi Baptist members of the SBC Executive Committee are Clark Stewart, pastor of Harmony Church, Crystal Springs, whose term ends in 2006; and Clarence Cooper, pastor of Emmanuel Church, Grenada, whose term ends in 2008.

GuideStone Financial Resources

No new nominees. Mississippi Baptist members of the board include Dale Patterson, member of First Church, Jackson, who is currently serving as board chairman and whose term expires in 2007; and Forrest Sheffield, pastor of Harrisville Church, Tupelo, whose term expires in 2008.

International Mission Board

No new nominees. Mississippi Baptist members of the board include Don Boone, pastor of First Church, Louisville, whose term expires in 2006; Charles Smith Jr., vocational evangelist from Sturgis, whose term expires in 2007; and Wayne Marshall, pastor of Longview Heights Church, Olive Branch, whose term expires in 2008.

North American Mission Board

No new nominees. Mississippi Baptist members of the board include Reva Daniel, member of Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, whose term expires in 2006; and Joe Strahan of Vicksburg, whose term expires in 2006.

LifeWay Christian Resources

Thomas Michael (Mike) Webb, member of Harmony Church, Crystal Springs. Nominated for second term to end in 2009. The other Mississippi Baptist member of the board is Mark Anderson, pastor of Colonial Heights Church, Ridgeland, whose term expires in 2006.

Southern Seminary

John Temple, pastor of First Church, Madison. First-term nomination to expire in 2010, replacing Odean Puckett of Ridgeland, who was ineligible for renomination. The other Mississippi Baptist member of the board is Glenn Miles, member of Harmony Church, Crystal Springs, whose term expires in 2006.

Southwestern Seminary

No new nominees. The sole Mississippi Baptist member of the board is Edward Knox, pastor of Antioch Church, Columbus, who term expires in 2008.

New Orleans Seminary

No new nominees. Mississippi Baptist members of the board include Phil Hanberry, member of Temple Church, Hattiesburg, whose term expires in 2007; Albert McMullen of Columbus, retired pastor whose term expires in 2006; and Mack Grubbs, member of Temple Church, Hattiesburg, whose term expires in 2008.

Bennett of Meridian, who resigned. There are no other Mississippi Baptist members of the board.

> Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission

No new nominees. The sole Mississippi Baptist member of the board is Jim Brown, member of Trinity Church, Southaven, whose term expires in 2006.

In addition, Mississippi Baptist appointments to the SBC Committee on Committees have been announced by SBC President Bobby Welch: Jerry East, pastor

Getting ready for campers



Staff members at Central Hills Retreat near Kosciusko spread hay June 2 around the new archery range at the Mississippi Baptist Royal Ambassadors campground, to control erosion and provide sure footing for the thousands of campers who will be attending programs there in 2005. (BR photo by William H. Perkins Jr.)

Southeastern Seminary

No new nominees. The sole Mississippi Baptist member of the board is Richard Headrick, member of Salem Heights Church, Laurel, whose term expires in 2006.

Midwestern Seminary

Wendell Hudson, member of First Church, Purvis, whose term expires in 2010. There are no other Mississippi Baptist members of the board.

Golden Gate Seminary

David Grumbach, pastor of Petal-Harvey Church, Petal, whose term will expire in 2008. He replaces Wilton of First Church, Verona; and Buddy Harbin, member of First Church, Grenada.

Welch also announced the members of the Tellers Committee and the Credentials Committee for the June 21-22 meeting of the SBC in Nashville.

Mississippi Baptists who will serve on the Tellers Committee are Bobby Ray, member of First Church, Terry; and James Young, pastor of Antioch Church, Union. Mississippi Baptists who will serve on

Mississippi Baptists who will serve on the Credentials Committee are George Berger, director of missions for Lebanon Association in Hattiesburg and deacon at 38th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg; and Mike Grenn, pastor of North Columbia Church, Columbia.



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Another victory for culture of death

Last week was not a high point in the collective moral life of Mississippi, thanks to a judicial ruling that struck down a wellintentioned state law designed to protect women against one of the greatest threats to their health in our country today.

U.S. District Judge Tom S. Lee of Forest ruled unconstitutional on June 1 Mississippi's legal requirement that abor-

tions on babies of more than 13 weeks gestation be executed in an ambulatory surgical facility or a hospital.

Lee, who declared the méasure "unconstitutional as a matter of law," said the legislative act was put into place for reasons wholly unrelated to any actual safety or health concerns.

Keep in mind that the law as our dulyelected state legislators passed at our behest did not ban abortions,

an action which unfortunately would have been summarily ruled unconstitutional under Roe v. Wade, the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that declared an unfettered right to abortion for any reason throughout all nine

months of pregnancy.
No, the 2004 law that moved through the Mississippi Legislature as House Bill 1038 sought only to ensure the health and medical safety of the mother during the difficult and dangerous circumstances under which abortions in the second and

WASHINGTON (BP)

Widespread immorality in the

United States could be a key

reason for Islamic terrorists'

acts of violence against

Americans, according to a gov-

ernment commission, a scholar,

and a Southern Baptist pastor.
The 9/11 Commission

Report and the book, Power,

Terror, Peace, and War, by Walter Russell Mead, have

noted that radical Islamists

such as Osama Bin Ladin view

the United States as the central

player in a "war against God."
The only way to fight against America and uphold Islamic moral standards is to kill

Coinciding with the release of

the 9/11 Commission Report and

Mead's book was a sermon series

in late 2004 by Jim Henry, pastor

of First Church in Orlando, Fla.,

and former president of the

Southern Baptist Convention. In

the four-part series Henry chal-

lenged Christians to restore bibli-

cal values in America in order to

glorify God and end the provoca-

way their attacks on inno-

cents, Henry said it is clear

that an increase in decadence

has brought about the recent

onslaught of Islamic terrorist

Careful not to justify in any

tion of radical Islamic terrorists.

Americans, they say.

"IF I PROMISE TO GO EASY ON YOU, WILL YOU PROMISE TO PUT IN A GOOD WORD FOR ME ON THAT DAY WHEN ALL MANKIND IS JUDGED?"



third trimesters must be carried out. To wit: the fully-formed baby must be dismembered and removed from the mother pieceby-piece, or the entire body of the fully-formed baby must be wrenched in one piece from inside the mother and killed.

Across the country, there are many documented cases of "simple" second and third trimester abortions going horribly wrong. In Mississippi, hundreds of women over the years have landed in hospital emergency rooms after botched abortions.

Don't believe it? Just do a little research at the Mississippi Medicaid Commission to see how many taxpayer-funded trips to the emergency rooms of this state's hospitals were necessary because of "simple" abortions and that number won't include emergency room visits paid by private insurers or individuals.

No one knows how many women have died or been permanently maimed due to post-abortion complications and infections, but common sense dictates that the total

figure must be breathtaking given the number of abortions that take place in this country every year.

Doctors in Mississippi are not allowed to remove a child's tonsils in such a clinic setting, but abortionists can ply their dangerous trade there. As elementary as is the surgical removal of an appendix, the procedure can't be done in a clinic environment. Yet, an abortion can be performed under clinic standards that were never intended to address the deeply invasive procedures required for an abortion to take place. We already know that abor-

tion techniques are frequently altered to the detriment of the mother when highly-desired baby parts are "harvested" during the abortion and sold on the open market. We already know that many abortion clinics will accept any woman under any circumstances if the woman has the money to pay for the abortion (which is the bottom line). We already know that women have been allowed to bleed to death in abortion clinics rather than have the clinic suffer the bad publicity of another ambulance parked outside their building.
This federal ruling means

more mothers will die along with their unborn children. Their fate has already been sealed in our modern, constitutionally-protected culture of death. What a sad day this is in the life of our state. Since the people are the state, what a sad day in each of our lives, too.

U.S. pays high price for immorality

"[L]et's acknowledge that America's increasing decadence is giving aid and comfort to the enemy," Henry said. When we tolerate trash on television, permit pornography to invade our homes on the Internet, and allow babies to be killed at the point of birth, we are inflaming radical Islam."

such a low opinion of America in Muslim nations, according to Mead, a senior fellow with the Council on Foreign Relations, is precipitated largely by the perception that "the West has lost touch with its spiritual roots, that we have given our lives over to dissipation and an amoral search for pleasure, that our societies are depersonalized and uncaring, that we ruthlessly neglect the unfortunate in other, poorer

countries, and that the exploitation of women continues under the mask of a philosophy of personal liberation.'

In order to combat negative perceptions of the United States and the consequent terrorism, "the U.S. government must define what the message is, what it stands for," the 9/11 Commission recommended.

"We should offer an example of moral leadership in the world, committed to treat people humanely, abide by the rule of law, and be generous and caring to our neighbors.'

Noting that Muslim nations develop their perception of America largely from satellite television and radio, the commission continued, "If the United States does not act aggressively to define itself in the Islamic world, the extremists

will gladly do the job for us."

Henry agreed, citing the responsibility of the church to lead a return to biblical morality in America. "[R]eversing American decadence [is] an urgent priority, not just for Christians, but for all Americans," the Florida pastor said. "If our cultural rot continues unabated, a Talabanized West may no longer be a joke, but a grim reality.

Voting for political candidates with commendable character is one way to promote moral reform in America, Henry said.

Look to his character," he counseled. "When a citizen gives his vote to a man of known immorality, he abuses his civic responsibility. He sacrifices not only his own interest but that of his neighbors. He betrays the interest of his country.

Mead concludes, "Inescapably," any moral reform that changes Muslim opinions of the U.S. must "lead many Americans to renew their personal faith commitments and make the moral and social ideals of their religious roots more relevant in their daily conduct and in their assessments of politicians and of political ideas."

attacks.

Saudis up pressure on country's Christians

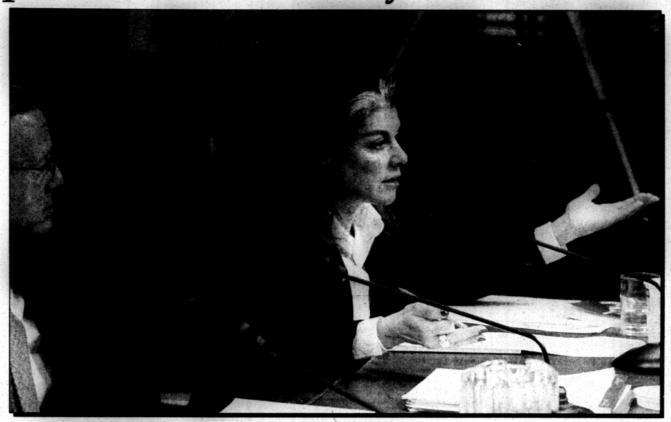
WASHINGTON (BP and local reports) — Saudi Arabian police have made a wave of arrests of Christians since May 27, constituting the "largest crackdown" on followers of Christ in the Muslim-dominated country in the last decade, according to a Washington-based human rights organization.

International Christian Concern (ICC) reported it had learned of 46 confirmed arrests in the Middle Eastern country through June 1. The arrests included eight Indian nationals who were taken into custody May 28, according to ICC. It also has confirmed reports of police ransacking the houses of Christians and destroying Bibles, ICC reported.

Regular Saudi police and Muttawa religious police have carried out these actions, according to the ICC. Baptist Press requested comment June 3 from the information office of the Saudi embassy in Washington, but none was provided prior to the deadline for this article.

Saudi Arabia is listed by the U.S. State Department as one of the world's most severe violators of religious freedom. Last year, the U.S. State Department placed Saudi Arabia on its list of "countries of particular concern" (CPC) for the first time. The CPC designation is reserved for governments that have "engaged in or tolerated systemic and egregious violations of religious freedom."

The U.S. State Department also released a report June 3 that described Saudi Arabia as having one of the world's poorest records for combating the traffic in human slavery and forced sexual servitude.



SAUDIS CRITICIZED — Mai Yamani, a human rights activist and Saudi national based in London, described her native country as "propagating intolerance" worldwide at a 2003 hearing conducted by the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom. "Not only has the state embraced the hardliners, the hard-liners are the state," she testified. The Saudis are reportedly in the midst of one of the biggest crackdowns ever against Christians. (BP photo)

Watchdog groups believe many thousands of people worldwide — mostly women and children — are forced into slavery and the sex trade each year.

In late May, 47 members of the U.S. Congress urged President George W. Bush to scuttle a major World Trade Organization agreement with Saudi Arabia because of the country's dismal record on human rights and support for Islamic extremists.

The ICC and the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) have both criticized the Bush administration for failing to take action as a follow-up to the designation of Saudi Arabia as a CPC. The president is required to take specific actions—from diplomacy to economic sanctions—against governments designated as CPCs.

"The inaction of the world's leader in promoting freedom is reprehensible and risks breaching the line of irrelevance on matters of religious freedom and human rights," the ICC said in a written release. "This latest crackdown on Christians is inexcusable and highlights the oppressive regime under which all religious minorities live and work in Saudi Arabia."

For years, the State Department has said religious freedom "does not exist" in Saudi Arabia. The Saudi government prohibits all forms of public religious expression except Wahhabism, an extreme interpretation of Islam, and it finances activities overseas that express hatred and, in some cases, violence toward non-Muslims and out-of-favor Muslims, according to the USCIRF.

Saudi police confiscate hundreds of Bibles yearly at border crossings and in raids on Christians, then burn or desecrate them, the Saudi Institute reported May 20.

ICC provides aid to persecuted Christians overseas, trains pastors under repressive regimes, and does advocacy work with the federal government. The USCIRF makes policy recommendations on international religious liberty issues to the President and Congress. The Saudi Institute identifies itself as an independent, Washington-based organization that provides information on Saudi Arabia.



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Nigerians criticize report

KANO, Nigeria (BP) — Christian leaders in northern Nigeria say a report by the state government of Kano grossly underreports the number of Christians killed by Muslim militants in violent attacks last year, according to the Compass Direct news service. Estimates of the value of churches and homes destroyed in the clashes also are much too low, leaders claim, Compass Direct reported. The report states that 84 people died in religious violence in Kano in 2004. However, Methodist Bishop Foster Ekeleme, chairman of the Kano chapter of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), told Compass Direct that reliable estimates place the casualty count at nearly 3,000 Christian fatalities. According to the Christian Association of Nigeria, Muslim extremists destroyed church buildssociation of Nigeria, Muslim extremists destroyed Church buildings and private properties belonging to Christians totaling nearly \$1.5 billion in value. The government, however, reported Christian property losses of only about \$70 million. The official report, prepared by an 11-member commission of inquiry appointed by Kano Governor Malam Ibrahim Shekarau, said 160 people were injured and another 1,971 displaced in attacks against Christians. Religious violence in Kano was provoked by earlier clashes in the town of Yelwa, in the Nigerian state of Plateau. In February, Islamic militants attacked Christians participating in morning devotions in a Yelwa church and killed 48 worshipers, including Pastor Samson Bukar. Two months later, Christians and other groups attacked Muslims in Yelwa. An estimated 350 Muslims died and another 250 disappeared in that clash, according to police and press reports. The incident, in turn, sparked the assaults on Christians in Kano that are the subject of the recent government report. Christians may well face more violence in Kano this year. At a news conference on Dec. 21, the state information commissioner in Kano, Alhaji Abubakar Garba Yusuf, revealed that government security agents have uncovered plans by Muslim militants to attack Christians and burn down churches in order to force the observance of Islamic law in the state.

Looking back

10 years ago

After declining to amend the report of the Program and Structure Study Committee to include a statement of support for the Woman's Missionary Union (WMU), the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee adopts a resolution of appreciation for the contributions of the WMU.

20 years ago

Maurice Flowers, director of missions for Jones Association in Laurel, is elected secretary of the national association of directors of missions at the group's meeting during the annual Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas.

50 years ago

A new dormitory to house 18 senior girls will be constructed soon, according to W. G. Mize, superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage in Jackson.



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- 3. I believe Jesus died and rose from the grave to forgive my sins and to restore my relationship with you. (I believe in Jesus.)
- **4.** By faith, I invite Jesus Christ into my life. From this time on, I want to live in a loving relationship with Him. (I receive Christ as my Savior and Lord.)

"But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in his name.' (John 1:12)

If you make a decision for Jesus Christ today, contact a local Baptist church for spiritual guidance.





LESSONS FROM AN OLD LADY

For a long time I have just made it a practice never to call any lady old. Even if she calls herself old I don't agree. I prefer just to celebrate the wisdom of their maturity, but in this particular case referring to a lady as old is probably accurate. For several years I had been reading about this lady. I do not remember the first time that I read an article about her, but it seemed as though for the last several years every year there would be an article appearing about Betty Wilson being the oldest person in America. Again this year an article and a picture were in the Jackson paper that stirred my curiosity. This year. Betty Wilson celebrated her 114th birthday. The picture that appeared was one of her and her oldest son, who is 95 years of age, sitting beside her. Now the thing that intrigued me so about Betty Wilson beyond the fact that she was 114 years old is that she lives right here in New Albany, Mississippi. A number of times I thought when I was up that way I was going to try to find where she lives and just go by and shake

hands with that sweet lady. Recently, that is exactly what I had the opportunity to do. I got directions to her house, walked up, knocked on the door, and was greeted by five of her greatgrandchildren. When I stepped inside of the room in addition to the five great-grandchildren there was one great-great-granddaughter there in a car seat. After introducing myself to them, I asked if it would be possible for me to speak to Betty Wilson. Graciously, they ushered me into



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Jim Futral, executive director-treasurer Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

her room where she was sitting in her chair with her Bible right beside her. She reads her Bible every day all throughout the day. I shook her hand, introduced myself, and knelt down in front of her so I could visit with this precious, little aging lady.

She asked me again, "Now what is your name?" I said, "Jim." She said, "J-i-m?" I responded, "Yes, ma'am!" She replied, "And what is your last name?" I told her again and spelled it for her. Then we carried on a conversation. I asked her about her Bible which she could readily put her hand on and she proceeded to tell me that this one, a large print, she had already read several times. I asked her when she was saved and immediately she began to tell me about when she met Jesus at 11 years of age. Can you imagine 103 years ago and her vivid memories of meeting Jesus were as clear as though it were yesterday? Jesus has that kind of wonderful effect on people's lives. From my conversation with her I gleaned two things that she contributes to her longevity.

The first thing she tells that has contributed to her long life is the joy of living for Jesus. As I knelt there and listened to her, I saw the delight on a face that

was 114 years old and I thought to myself, "How many people are looking for joy in every wrong place, in every wrong relationship, and connected to every wrong substance that only can bring misery, and she continues to live in the joy of our wonderful Christ?" If folks just knew and sometimes if those of us who know that we know Jesus would just keep before us that He is the answer to life's dilemmas and the sub-

stance of life's joys.

Another lesson I learned from Betty Wilson that she sees as a contributing factor of her long life is that she obeyed her parents. She says that her parents could hardly get the words out of their mouths until her feet were moving and doing what they told her to do. Isn't that a beautiful truth lived out in the life of a woman who is 114 years old? It is as the Scripture says and the commandment declares, "Honor thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long on the earth" (Exodus 20:12). It is the first commandment with a promise.

You don't have to visit with her for long until you realize that she has that kind of spirit. It is more than just actions. It is an attitude, and when you couple the two things she connects to her longevity you begin to see that literally all of us could gain

a great deal from if we would just listen and heed. Have a spirit of love and obedience toward the Lord and have that same spirit and obedience toward the God given authorities in the home. In a world that in some ways almost deifies being strong-willed and in a world in which disobedience and sometimes just hardheadedness is ignored, she grew up with a spirit of willing obedience.

One last lesson she taught me was something that I saw and heard her say. When I visited in her home and had the privilege of talking with, meeting, and interacting with her five great-grandchildren, I was immediately impressed. The longer we talked I was blessed by the warm, sweet, and gentle spirit of her great-grandchildren. I saw demonstrated before me, in ways that they never intended just to put on just as a show, the glorious and infectious nature that had touched the lives of her circle of family. Those around us cannot help but be impacted by what we say and even more importantly by who we are.

As I prepared to leave her room I thanked her for being such a blessing to my life that day. She told me that she was just one little small light but she added, "Just one little candle can light up a whole room. All I want to do is let my light shine.

I trust that the Lord will give her many more years to do what she is doing because her life is making a difference. May each of us go and do likewise.

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Matthew 10:27 NAS

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WITH CHRIST IN THE SCHOOL OF PRAYER by Andrew Murray

Don Overstreet is a church starter strategist with the Great Los Angeles Basin. Pray for 20 new church starts in 2005 in the inner city of Los Angeles, for 20 English speaking churches in the eastern suburbs of Los Angeles, and for new churches to minister to the Hindi population of Artesia.

For: (1) V Youth Conference, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian, 11th-15th, (Youth Ministry); (2) This is an election year in Tanzania. Tray for God's guidance and for His will to be done during this year. Pray for the political climate to remain calm.

The Caracas Team writes: "In the mega city of Caracas, Venezuela, less than 1 percent of the population of urban professionals and university students know Jesus as personal Savior. Pray that the Venezuela Baptist Convention and IMB personnel will work together to share the Good News.

For: (1) Children's Mission Camp, Central Hills Baptist Retreat, 13th-15th (MM); (2) GA Summer Camp, Camp Garaywa, 13th-17th (WMU); (3) All State Youth Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal Camp & Tour, William Carey College & Mississippi churches, 13th-21st (CM). Young Professionals and Students of Indonesia have begun a radio program on a campus in a mega city. The program, "last Tell Us," invites students to call in to share their views on various topics. Pray for those involved with the program to be bold in the testimony of God's goodness and faithfulness

While work outside of Kolkata, India, is growing, the work inside the city is slow. Please fervently pray for the city of Kolkata. Pray that the gospel would begin to pierce the hearts of the 15 million people living there.

For: (1) VI Youth Conference, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, 16th - 21st (CM); (2) Pete Rivera, Sarasota, Fla. serves as a regional missionary for southwest and central Florida. Pray for 10 new congregations in the region and for leadership to congregations among Hungarians, Arabs, Haitians and Hispanics. For: (1) Lad/Dad Weekend, Central Hills Baptist Retreat, 17th-18th (MM); (2) Heartlander Team member, Cornelia Walker, is working with various individuals and groups of women in Sapporo, Japan. She shares Jesus with people whose hearts have been hard for many years. Pray for God's light in their hearts so they will trust Christ.

For: (1) Single Again/Single Conference, Temple BC, Hattiesburg, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. (D&FM); (2) World Changers Meridian, 18th-25th (MM); (3) Please pray today for Prime Minister Keith Mitchel of Grenada (island northeast of Venezuela in the Caribbean).

For: (1) FATHER'S DAY; (2) National WMU Annual Meeting, Nashville (WMU); (3) E was baptized a few weeks ago and is now a member of a house church in a remote farming area of Colombia. She is the only one in her house church who can read and write. God has called her to teach the children there how to read.

For: (1) GA Summer Camp, Camp Garaywa, 20th-24th (WMU); (2) Summer Missions Camp for Boys, Central Hills Retreat, 10 a.m., 20th-1 p.m., 24th (MM); (3) VII Youth Conference, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, 20th- 24th (Youth Ministry) For: (1) Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn., 21st-22nd; (2) Dong Lax is a military chaplain serving in Georgia. Pray for soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, military chaplains and their families as they are separated from their families.

The tsunami devastated Mrs. K's family. All of her children and all but one of her grandchildren and community were swept away in the wave. Mrs. K now lives in temporary housing with her daughter-in-law, grandson, and two sons-in-law. A friend gave her a copy of the N.T. Pray that Mrs. K will find new life and a living hope in Jesus.

Troy and Jamae Smith serve in ministry evangelism in Portland, Ore. Pray for SAFE (Setting Addicts Free Eternally) Min stries as it helps drug and other addicts find physical, emotional and spiritual healing.

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JUST FOR THE RECORD



1. Senior Graduates, Williamsville Church, Kosciusko



2. Adult Bible Drillers, Williamsville Church, Kosciusko



3. Katie Cole at the Library of Celsus, ancient Ephesus

- 1. Williamsville Church, Kosciusko, recently honored their senior graduates with a slide show, Sunday lunch, and a gift from the church. Shown are Jamie Buchanan, Jeffery Williams, Breck Riley, Cody Reynolds, Casey Pee, Sarah Snuggs, Chelsea Chipley, and Casey Harlos.
- 2. Williamsville Church, Kosciusko, congratulates their adult Bible drillers. Shown are Jimmy and Ann Williamson, Dustin and Lenita Gentry, Kathy Barnes, Angie Miles, and Sally Papisan.
- 3. Katie Cole, member of Twin Lakes Church, Madison, recently spent March 11-23 in Turkey studying the Seven Churches of Revelation and the journeys of Paul. Cole will complete her Master of Divinity from Southwestern Seminary in August. Shown is Cole overlooking the Library of Celsus in ancient Ephesus.
- 4. Mt. Manna Church, Coldwater, held their annual derby car race April 2. Shown are the children and the adult participants.
- 5. Calvary Church, Greenwood, recognized their oldest and youngest mothers on Mother's Day. Shown are Mary Lucille Braswell, oldest mother, and Angela Rayburn, youngest mother.
- First Church, Collinsville, held a recognition service for their Acteens on May 22. Pictured from left are Lindsey Summerlin, Mc-Kenna Dean, Abbe Bates, and Anna Beth Bates. Acteens Advisor is Ginger Summerlin. Pastor is Hal Bates.
- Coila Church, Carroll Association, held a baby dedication service on Mother's Day 2005. Billy Blakely (seated, center) is pastor.

8. Lighthouse Church, Richland, will have a Gospel sing featuring New Genesis and the Clear Branch Quartet on Sat., June 25, 7:00 p.m. For more information, call (601) 845-0225 or (601) 278-7013.





5. Mother's Day, Calvary Church, Greenwood



6. Acteens Recognition, First Church, Collinsville



7. Baby Dedication, Coila Church, Carroll Association





4. Derby Car Race, Mt. Manna Church, Coldwater

STAFF CHANGE

Parkway Church, Houston, has called **Randy Rinehart** as pastor effective June 5. Rinehart, wife Pam, and three daughters, Hannah, Becky, and Beth come from Malesus Church, Jackson, Tenn.

Jerry Estes has resigned from the pastorate of Dorsey Church, Itawamba Association, after 17 years and is available for supply and interim ministry. Telephone: (662) 767-3579 or (662) 401-2360.

HOMECOMINGS & REVIVALS

Parkhill Church, Jackson: Homecoming and 49th Anniversary; Sun., June 12; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., Worship, 11:00 a.m. followed by a covered dish luncheon. Leon Emery, guest speaker; Herman "Butch" Milner, Jr.; Gary White, pastor. For more information, contact Chasity Martin at (601) 926-4618.

New Goodhope Church, Scott Association: Revival, June 12, 11a.m., Parks Marler, speaker. Lunch following service in Fellowship Hall. June 13, 7 p.m., Bob Smith, speaker. June 14, 7 p.m., Norris Able, speaker. June 15, 7 p.m., Glen Hayman, speaker. June 18, 6:00 p.m. featuring The

Coldwater Church, Philadelphia: Homecoming, June 12; 10:30 a.m. Former pastor Herschel Kilpatrick, speaker. Steve Turner, music. Potluck dinner following the services.

Elmo Church, Fayette: Homecoming, June 12; Sunday school, 10:00 a.m.; covered dish lunch following service. David Brooks, speaker; John Pace, music.

Lighthouse Church, Richland: Revival, June 26-July 1, 7 p.m.; David Parker, evangelist.

Cedar View Church, Olive Branch: Community Singing,

Call of Worship Quartet. Call (662) 895-2661 for more information.

Ingalls Avenue Church, Pascagoula: Homecoming, June 26, 10:00 a.m., with dinner on the grounds immediately following. Preaching by former pastor Grady Parker. Music by former minister of music and youth George Beck. John Turner, pastor.

Baxterville Church, Baxterville: Revival, June 26, 11 a.m. followed by Dinner on the Grounds; June 27-July 1, 7 p.m. James Taylor, evangelist; music led Easterling. Miriam Raymond Parkin, pastor.

College News

Krista Celeste

Rhemann was

the recipient of

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during the school's May Rhemann commencement service. She graduated with a bachelor of science in business administration degree and a 4.0 grade point average for all four years at MC. She is the daughter of John and Lynn Rhemann, of Florence.

Mississippi College (MC) was given the 2005 Spirit of Caring award by United Way of the Capital Area. MC President Lee Royce accepts the award from Ouida Watson, director of Capital Area United Way.

The William Carey College Speech and Debate Team will sponsor a High School For-ensics Camp July 18-22 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on the Hattiesburg campus. Cost of the camp is \$350 for resident students. The fee includes room and board. The cost for non-resident students is \$250 and includes lunch throughout the week. Registration forms and payments are due no later than June 30. For



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more information e-mail daniel.schabot@wmcarey.edu or call (601-) 318-6218.

The William Carey College Dinner Theatre will host two musicals in June and July. Smoke on the Mountain, a musical set in North Carolina in 1938, runs June 14-July 2. Some Enchanted Evening, a musical revue featuring the works of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammer-stein II, runs July 12-23. For reservations call the box office at (601) 318-6221. The box office opens June 6 and will be open daily from 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

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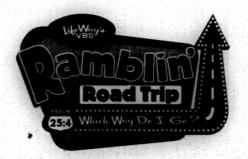
Calvary Church, Vicksburg: Good News CluesTM, June 6-10, 6-8 p.m., parents invited each night at 7:45 p.m., five years old to sixth grade. For more information, call the church at (601) 636-7501.

Griffith Memorial Church, Jackson: June 12-16; 6-8 p.m.; ages 4 through 6th grade.

Franklin Creek Church, Moss Point: June 13-17, 8:3011:30 a.m. Kindergarten-sixth grade. Call (662) 475-3471 or visit 24741.lifewaylink.com.

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FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

Not Guilty by Association Romans 3:19-26; 4:1-3; 5:1-2

By Rhoda Royce

All too often, our television news programs feature someone doing the "perp walk." What emotions do you feel when you see this sight? Anger? Fear? Condemnation? Sorrow? Superiority? In this week's Scripture passage from Romans, Paul used the imagery of the justice system to convey some profound theological principles.

Our Guilt Revealed (3:19-20) In U.S. courtrooms, the defendant often sits with his or her defense lawyers at the defense table. In God's court, the defense table would be crowded. We'd all be there as defendants, Jew and Gentile alike, because no one can be "declared righteous in his [God's] sight by observing the law" (NIV). We all are sin-ners, and we know it by personal experience.

God's Righteousness Revealed (3:21-26)

In U.S. criminal courts, defendants on trial do not have to

prove their innocence; they are presumed innocent. Juries find persons guilty or declare that a defendant has not been proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. Such a "not guilty" judgment is the dearest hope of most defendants.

In God's courtroom, the verdict is predetermined. We are all guilty, beyond all or any doubt. So what hope can sinners find? Our hope is based in God's righteousness, a hope far more reliable than the hope that some rule of evidence can be used or some lack of evidence can be demonstrated to avoid punishment for an accused party.

Christ Jesus' sacrifice revealed God's righteousness,



or justice, a justice based on God's grace, or gift, to those who express faith in Jesus Christ. We cannot earn it, and, as convicted sinners, we certainly do not deserve it. Through our faith in Christ, we are justified, made right with God, and this is an

on-going process.
A verdict of "not guilty" in a human courtroom certainly affects a defendant's earthly future, but it doesn't change his or her spiritual state. If he is guilty when declared "not guilty," he is still guilty, although he has escaped further official punishment. God's justification of a sinner goes much further than this. It is a gift of grace that transforms the guilty party. It is "redemption," a reference to the freeing of a slave; it is propitiation, the satisfaction of the wrath of God.

*God's gift of grace through faith in Jesus Christ demonstrates his divine justice (v. 26). When we try to assess God's justice by our own limited and

temporal understanding of our own life circumstances, we grow confused or distrustful. We ask why God allowed this or that to happen. Yet here, for the Christian, is the proper basis of assessing God's justice. In Christ, He has given us what we must have and could never earn. He is way more than fair.

Justification by Faith (4:1-3)

- Paul had made a strong declaration of justification through faith, not works; this assertion challenged the rules as the people of God had understood them before Christ. Then, like a good lawyer, Paul built a case for his assertion by giving evidence. To Jews of Paul's day, one could hardly have been a stronger witness than Father Abraham. Paul quoted Genesis 15:6, a verse showing that Abraham was justified by faith, by believing God. Verses 17-18 describe Abraham's state of faith and give us a wonderful model: "He believed in God, who gives life to the dead and calls things into existence that do not exist. Against hope, with hope he believed" (HCSB).

Results of Justification (5:1-2) — In a sense, one of those things God has called into existence through Christ is our right standing before Him. Through faith in Christ, we are no longer condemned criminals. Instead, we have peace, or harmony, with God. We could not have peace with God as sinners; in such a state we are his enemies. Through Christ, the separation is removed.

Through God's grace, we have not only peace but also access to His presence. Do you remember where we started? We were sitting condemned at the defendants' table, waiting for God's punishment. But, through faith in Jesus Christ and his righteousness, we have a right to stand in God's presence, rejoicing in the hope of God's glory.

Thank you, Father, for transforming me through Jesus Christ from a sinner rightly condemned into a child of God rejoicing in the hope of God's glory.

Rhoda Royce is a member of First Church, Clinton.

EXPLORE THE BIBLE

Living by the Lord's Values Ezekiel 7:1-2, 15-16, 19-27

By Don Schuman

It was bad news for a bad people. Their prosperous pride had provoked the wrath of the Lord. In chapters 4 through 6, Ezekiel had delivered dramatic presentations of the impending disaster that loomed over the land of Israel. He had etched an outline of the city in a tablet and demonstrated what the overthrow of Jerusalem would be like. At a certain time of the day, he would come out and lay on his side to demonstrate the years of sin of Israel and Judah. He demonstrated the coming famine by eating only poor bread and drinking little water for days. He shocked his onlookers by shaving his head and beard, dividing the hair up to warn that a third of the people would die of famine, a third

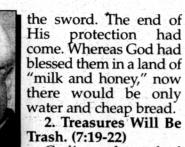
by the sword, and all but a remnant of those who survived would become captives.

They had forsaken the Lord's values and would be judged.

1. The End Will Come. (Ezek. 7:1-2, 15-16)

Utter destruction would come. The walls of the city would be torn down. Almost all of the people would either be killed or taken into captivity. Even the Temple of the Lord would be destroyed. A terrible end was coming to the nation that had been built by the hand of the Lord God.

judgment upon Jerusalem would be threefold the sword outside the city, starvation and sickness within. Whereas God had delivered them from the sword in the past, He would now deliver them to



God's values had been replaced with materialistic values. Their

gold was their god and their silver their savior, but they would discover the vanity of their values. Riches would not save them. What once was a blessing from God would be unclean because those riches had led them to sin. Their chests, swelled with the pride of their wealth, would be replaced with empty stomachs.

Jesus warned of the vanity of trusting in riches. Reminiscent of Ezekiel's dramatic illustrations, Jesus used a dramatic illustration declaring that it is easier for a camel to go through the tiny eye of a sewing needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God (Mark 10:25). That's why we are to lay up treasures in heaven, not upon earth (Matthew 6:1921). Wisdom, knowing the Lord, is "better than rubies" (Job 28:18; Prov. 3:15). It is beyond compare to anything of this world (Prov. 8:11). The priceless values of the Christian are based on God's standard, not a gold standard.

3. Judgment Will Be Just. (7:23-27)

Ezekiel repeated the purpose of judgment three times in this chapter (vv. 4, 9, 27) and throughout the book — "then they will know that I am the Lord."

Why did the Lord, centuries earlier, deliver the Israelites by judgments upon the Egyptians, take them for His people, and bring them to the land promised to their forefathers? Exodus 6:7 says, "ye shall know that I am the LORD your God." From the beginning of the nation, God's plan was a relationship with people that knew Him, that loved and worshipped Him. The miraculous victories of

the Israelites would cause their enemies to "know that I am the LORD" (Ex. 14:4,18; 1 Kings 20:13, 28). The blessings would cause the Israelites to "know that I am the LORD" (Ex. 16:12, 29:46). Their obedience to His Law would acknowledge that He truly is the LORD their God (Ex. 31:12; Deut. 29:6).

But the people had rejected Him. They did not love Him, worship Him, or even want to know Him. Now that judgment that had been demonstrated against their enemies would be unleashed upon them. They had turned their backs on God; God would turn His back on them. They would be judged for their idolatrous values.

Galatians 6:7 (KJV) warns that "God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Our actions have consequences, and we will be judged accordingly.

Do you know the Lord? My friend, if not, you too face a horrible judgment. Call upon the name of the Lord. Believe, so that you can know the Lord in a personal relationship and reap life everlasting.

Schuman is pastor of Hamilton Church, Ashland.

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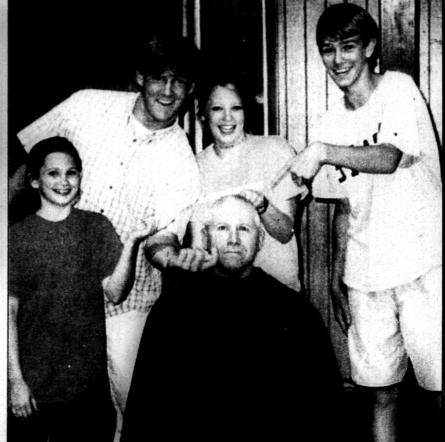
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JUST FOR THE RECORD



1. Horseshoe Tournament Winners, Bethany Church, Potts Camp

- 1. Shawn Clayton and Brian Robinson were the winners of the second annual horseshoe tournament during Easter Fellowship April 26 at Bethany Church, Potts Camp.
- 2. James Yeoman (seated) member of Immanuel Church, Greenwood, pledged to get a crewcut if \$1,000 was raised toward the youth group fund. A total of \$1,400 was raised, so Yeoman submitted to the crew cut a few weeks later at a church ice cream social.



2. James Yeoman and youth, Immanuel Church, Greenwood

OBITUARY

Charles Holifield of Hoover, Alabama, longtime Mississippi Baptist pastor, died March 28 at the age of 85. Funeral services were held March 30 at Currie-Jefferson Funeral Home in Hoover, with interment in Jefferson Memorial Gardens, South. Buddy Gray officiated.

Holifield served in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II. He received his bachelor of arts degree from Mississippi College in Clinton and his master of divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary.

Holifield pastored Baptist churches in Mississippi from 1948-85, retiring from Liberty Church, Liberty. After he retired, he pastored Union Church and Hux Church, both in Wilkinson County. In addition to pastoring, he served his denomination in various positions with the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Holifield is survived by his wife Janice of Hoover, one daughter, and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, a sister, and a grandson.

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ZEFP CJH: CJATCM

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